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REMARKS

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1. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 28 June 1953, 10 jet bombers apparently from another airfield landed at Finsterwalde airfield. At 8 pm. 42 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes were counted at the field. The same number of planes was stationed at the field on 30 June. There was formation flying by eight jet bombers.

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2. Between 18 June and 2 July, there was comparatively little air activity at the field. On 2 July, 16 jet bombers and 1 biplane were counted at the field. At 3 p.m. on 22 June, railroad cars with 4 x 76-mm AA guns were shunted to the field.

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Comment. Finsterwalde airfield was previously occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with 20 Il-28s. A bomber division and the bomber corps headquarters were also believed to be stationed in Finsterwalde. According to available information, all other bomber regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army left East Germany in late June and early July 1953. The increased number of planes temporarily observed at Finsterwalde airfield is possibly connected with these transfers. It appears possible that the regiment from Finsterwalde meanwhile also left East Germany.

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